

## **ABSTRACT**

A bathing apparatus, for use by disabled bathers, comprises a bathtub and a banister. The bathtub has a ramp and a floor. The ramp descends to the bathtub floor, which slopes gradually toward a drain. The ramp's top is approximately level with the seat of a wheel chair. The banister is coupled to the bathtub and extends over the ramp and floor of the bathtub. The banister has a sloped portion for descending into the bathtub that descends to level portion. The level portion is substantially horizontal for sitting or lying on while bathing. The level portion of the banister is over the floor and its height relative to floor increases as the floor slopes toward the drain. A bather may choose a seat height that is most comfortable by sitting on the level portion farther or closer to the drain. While bathing the bather is stabilized by the banister, feet or knees on the floor of the bathtub.